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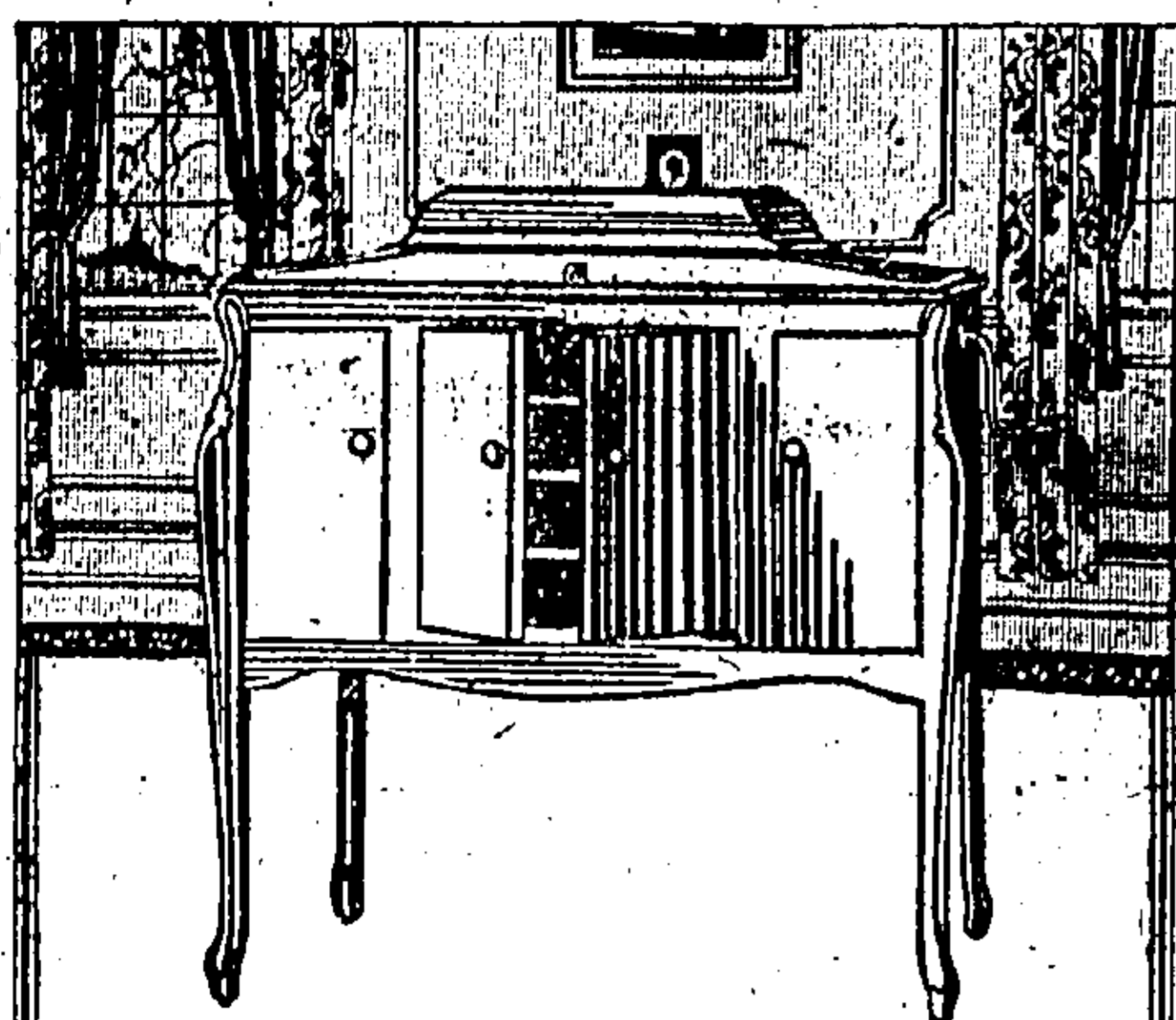
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RUHR SITUATION.

AN IMPORTANT STEP.

BRUSSELS CONFERENCE EFFECT.

LONDON, March 14.
Mr. Poincaré returns to Paris from Brussels to-day. His conference with M. Theunis marks an important step forward, for the announcement that the occupied territories will only be evacuated in accordance with the payments which Germany makes, following Chancellor Cuno's recent hint that Germany had relinquished her demand for the evacuation of the Ruhr as an essential preliminary to negotiation, is interpreted as foreshadowing the possibility at least of indirect Franco-Belgian German conversations.

A semi-official statement in Paris to-day denies that the conference discussed the revision of the Treaty of Versailles and says that questions relating to military occupation exclusively concern France and Belgium but the conditions to be submitted to Germany when conversations with her are renewed must be the subject of general discussions where with the British and Italian Governments will be associated.

Another decision at Brussels calculated to appease British traders was that German manufacturers who pay export taxes shall be permitted to continue deliveries to foreign purchasers under a special licence system.

The French papers commenting on the conference emphasise that a most categorical assurance has now been given that France and Belgium never had any idea of detaching the Ruhr from the Reich and still less of annexing it.

180 GERMANS EXPELLED.

COBLENCE, March 13.

The Inter-Allied Rhineland Commission has ordered the expulsion of 180 more German officials, including 125 customs employees.

CRITICISM IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, March 13.

In the House of Commons the Government's majority fell to forty-eight on a division on Sir John Simon's motion to reduce the Foreign Office estimates in order to draw attention to the increasing grave events on the Ruhr.

A number of speakers criticised the Government's inactive policy, emphasised the danger of war and urged appeal to the League of Nations.

Mr. Asquith criticised the French policy and emphasising the enormous extension of the scope of the French operations on the Ruhr, said the encirclement of the British occupation area had strangled British trade.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, replying, reiterated the policy enunciated by Mr. Bonar Law and emphasised that the Government and country were still friendly to France. He said that while the Government fully recognised the deplorable seriousness of the position and that the difficulties had in some respects increased they were still as anxious as ever to maintain friendship with France and avoid a final break.

The motion was rejected by 249 votes to 201.

SOVIET AND CHURCH.

ARCHBISHOP ON TRIAL.

WARSAW, March 13.

Messages from Moscow state that the Soviet Government trial will be opened on March 14 of Archbishop Cieplak and thirteen Catholic priests from Petrograd on charges of anti-Soviet activity in 1918 and refusal to hand over sacred vessels and other valuables belonging to the churches in Petrograd. The penalty for the former offence is death and confiscation of the property and for the latter it is 3 years solitary confinement.

THEATRE SEASON.

PINERO PLAY'S SUCCESS
LAST NIGHT.

Last night's Theatre Royal audience will not speedily forget "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray." The Courtneidge-Holloway-London Company staged Sir Arthur Pinero's famous drama with ability rarely seen here. Without exaggeration, their performance can be described with that seldom, earned adjective—superlative. The leading role fell to Miss Cheryl Hardy and superbly well she played it, skilfully delineating every shade of the second Mrs. Tanqueray's emotions—loving, jealous, and remorseful. Especially moving was her acting in the more impassioned scenes, when she exalted consistently and performance. Miss Hardy's acting was, in one word, brilliant. Mr. Claude Allister played Aubrey Tanqueray. His quiet, convincing study revealed "personality" and ability also it contrasted admirably

with Miss Hardy's emotional portrayal. Perhaps the best tribute one can pay Mr. W. E. Holloway who acted Aubrey Drummie is that he made a lovable character still more lovable. Miss Leslie Graham was very appealing as Elean, and Miss Enid Revel Reside appropriately "Joni" as Lady Orreyed. Mr. Loycester Monck played Sir George Orreyed with distinct success. The minor parts were ably sustained by Miss Florence Lee Clercq (Mrs. Cortelyou), Mr. Robertson Brains (Captain Hugh Ardale), Mr. Fred Morgan (Gordon Jayne, M.A.), Mr. George Zucco (Frank Miquitt, K.C., M.P.), and Mr. Robert L. Macdonald (Monsie), each of whom clearly proved the producer's claim that the roles are cast with special care. Needless to add, the audience was delighted with the superbly achieved, warmly applauding during the play, and giving the company an ovation when it was over. To-night the Company will stage the "Garden of Allah." To-mor-

row night it will give "Abraham Lincoln," in which Mr. Holloway himself plays the title role. Mr. Holloway's impersonation of "Abraham Lincoln" has been described as a treat which one cannot easily forget. If the highest possible form of true art is to conceal art, then his "make-up," character study and dress are all so natural that it is more than difficult to believe Mr. Holloway is acting a part at all. It is no easy task to make so much of John Drinkwater's faithful drawing of the character of Abraham Lincoln but Mr. Holloway achieves it with a fine sense of realism and manliness of American's greatest President. He makes Abraham Lincoln a human, living being.

Mr. Ernest Handley, the representative of a Bradford firm, died in the isolation hospital at Tientsin last week. He had arrived in Tientsin from Shanghai no later than February 25, and was taken ill with smallpox the following day.

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BRITISH TRADE.

RUHR DISLOCATION FELT.

NEED FOR ECONOMY.

LONDON, March 13.
Sir Eric Geddes, addressing the Federation of British Industries at Birmingham, doubted whether the trade improvement of 1922 would continue owing to the dislocation arising from the occupation of the Ruhr which would cripple German industry and impair the productive capacity of France and Belgium, both reacting unfavourably throughout the world.

We required increased capital to employ the increasing population but the country was being taxed out of existence. It seemed unlikely that there would be any surplus of national income over expenditure to add to our available capital. Recent estimates were not encouraging. The Government was taking two years to effect the economies which the Geddes committee recommended carrying out in a year. He assured the Government the support of the trading community if it courageously explored further avenues of economy.

MORE IRISH EXECUTIONS.

REPUBLICAN LEADER PAYS PENALTY.

LONDON, March 13.
The Republican leader Creevy and another man named Keenan, who were arrested in February after a raid on a bank at Oldcastle and were sentenced to death by a court martial were executed at Mulligan Barracks to-day.

LONDON, March 13.

William Healy was executed at Cork to-day. He was arrested under arms during the recent attempt to burn the residence of the sister of Michael Collins.

THE DEATH TOLL.

LONDON, March 13.

There was another execution in Dublin and executions at Wexford to-day. Altogether sixty-three have been executed in Ireland since the Government's adoption of a stern policy.

HOLY SEE'S PEACE MISSION.

ROME, March 13.

Monsignor Luzio, Regent Apostolic Penitentiary, and an ex-Professor of canon law in Ireland has gone to Ireland on a peace mission from the Holy See.

SINGAPORE NAVAL SCHEME.

SATISFACTION IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, March 13.

There is keen satisfaction in official circles at the Imperial Government's decision to create a naval base at Singapore capable of dealing with modern ships.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Bruce, expressed pleasure but declined to make further comment saying that the whole policy of Empire defence would be raised at the forthcoming Imperial conference.

LENIN ILL AGAIN.

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Lenin had an apoplectic seizure yesterday and his condition is serious. The Soviet Government is issuing bulletins.

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March 14.—Theatre Royal; Bandman's Eastern Circuit Ltd., present Robert Courtneidge and W. E. Holloway's London Co., in John Drinkwater's History Play "Abraham Lincoln."

March 15.—Coronet Theatre, George Arliss in "The Ruling Passion."

March 15.—Theatre Royal; Robert Courtneidge and W. E. Holloway's London Co., in John Drinkwater's History Play "Abraham Lincoln."

March 16.—Theatre Royal; Robert Courtneidge and W. E. Holloway's London Co., in The Comedy that is Breaking Records "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure."

March 17.—Theatre Royal; Robert Courtneidge and W. E. Holloway's London Co., in Sir Gerald Du Maurier's Greatest Success "Bull Dog Drummond."

March 19.—Theatre Royal; Robert Courtneidge and W. E. Holloway's London Co., in "The Faithful Heart."

SPORTING EVENTS.

March 22—23—R. A. Athletic Meeting, U.S.R.C. Ground, Kowloon, one mile race open to the Services and all British Residents in the Colony, race timed for 3.20 p.m. on the 23rd.

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The remarkable find by Lord Carnarvon at Luxor has given a stimulus to the interest in the forthcoming project to find not only the actual site of King David's palace at Jerusalem, but the actual tomb of the king himself.

Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, hon. secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund, in an interview speaks hopefully of the outlook.

Much has been done in the past, he said, and some valuable discoveries have been made, but work has necessarily been of a more or less scattered character. A great deal of the work has fallen upon the British pioneers, who have already made notable progress there.

WIDE CO-OPERATION.

The proposal now is that no nation should have the exclusive rights, but that various nations should unite to carry on this great work. Great Britain will be represented, for instance, by the Palestine Exploration Fund, France by the Dominican Monks, and America by the American School of Archaeology. Among the others co-operating will be the Jewish Society, with whose activities Baron Rothschild is associated, and for which Mr. Weill had been doing some excavation work which was stopped by the war.

Our great ambition is to send out Professor Robert Macalister this summer to undertake the British side of the work.

Before anything is allowed to be done, the Palestine Government insists upon a guarantee of a minimum of £5,000. As the excavation will last for at least three years, I am anxious that the British should find this £5,000, the two other main bodies raising like sums, so that the work may go forward without a hitch.

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We want to locate the actual site of ancient Jerusalem before it began to extend in King David's time. The site in question is known as the Hill of Ophel; and there is an advantage in the fact that there are now only a few houses on the site, it being chiefly covered by gardens. Modern Jerusalem, of course, is built on another site altogether from that occupied by the ancient city.

The project, apart from its Biblical interest, which is paramount, has also a purely historical aspect of great interest. We hope not only to be able to trace the site of the original city, but also to locate the tombs of David and of most of the Kings of Judah. Needless to say, there are many archaeological possibilities in the affair.

STUDY IN CONTRASTS.

CHINA'S ECONOMIC LIGHTS
AND SHADES.

Few merchants in China will regret the passing of 1922, writes the *Manchester Guardian's* Shanghai correspondent. It has been a year of bad trade, unemployment, and heart-breaking struggles with overwhelming difficulties. Everywhere, however, there is a feeling that the time for a trade revival in China is ripe, for in this country many firms have shown commendable enterprise in their preparations to meet a sudden increase in demand.

The main difficulty confronting the business world of Shanghai and China to-day is, of course, the timidity of buyers both in China and abroad, a timidity which is caused by a number of economic reasons. Two of these stand out above all others. One is the constantly changing government in China without any stability, and the other is the fluctuating exchanges, of whose detailed intricacies the average business man here can scarcely make head or tail. There must also be added a third reason—the poverty of many of China's buyers.

Two distinct pictures have been painted of the commercial possibilities of 1923. They comprise the generally recognised favourable and unfavourable factors bearing on the future industrial and political situation. On the one hand there are small stocks of many imported articles in the hands of Chinese dealers, an improvement in the labour situation, the harvesting of bumper crops in China, and an easier credit position. On the other hand, there are the acute world financial position, demoralised exchanges, and possibility of curtailed exports, reduction in buying power, over-expansion of many industries both in China and elsewhere, and the continued periodical unrest here.

The 1922 trade of Shanghai and, for that matter, of the whole of China, divides itself into three phases. The first was one of some activity, which continued until the struggle between Generals Tsang, Cho ling and Wu Pei-fu came to a head. Before the war started the Chinese dealers, who were appraised of what was coming, stopped all buying, and the nervousness and tension which began to be exhibited before the hostilities actually commenced assumed big dimensions, and all markets became demoralised. The evil effects of this war are still with us, and confidence is not yet restored. Just when the dealers were becoming a little less nervous the Honan bandits got to work, and at the close of the year

there is great trepidation regarding the possibility of merchandise falling into the hands of the marauders in the interior, with the result that no Chinese merchant has the heart to make purchases. Many parts of the country are without stocks, but under present conditions there is no inducement to replenish.

With the increased industrialisation of China the trade of the country is certain to increase. In speaking of the industrialisation of the country I am not altogether a victim to the tyranny of a phrase. It must be conceded that China is making a powerful attempt to emerge from the status of an agricultural country to one determined to manufacture for herself most of the things she needs. Even while, outwardly, everything has been hopeless confusion, there has been going on in the past few years a spontaneous organisation of national, economic, and industrial life.

As a result scores of cotton mills, whose products are taking the place of the foreign fabrics, have sprung up in the industrial centres. The spirit of progress is now pervading the entire industrial life of China, and everywhere new enterprises are being planned.

The effect of this industrialisation is already being felt in countries that have been supplying China with goods that she is now manufacturing. There is no doubt that Manchester is slowly losing its hold on the Chinese market, for though a set of circumstances may have combined to cause this, one of the principal ones is the establishment of so many cotton mills in Shanghai and other parts of the country.

PLENTY OF TIME.

A long-haired man met a little boy who asked him the time.

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HIGH CITY RENTS.

Every day you hear them, these awed remarks about our high city rents. Just fancy, this shop costs—and here some incredibly big sum is named. That corner yonder, the rent (stated) is staggering. Mostly these figures, fabulous though they sound, are right enough. City shop rents are high—with the military lands still denied, artificially high. This is, of course, inevitable. Hongkong grows apace and the demand for shop room becomes ever greater. The supply, however, is limited. Indeed, it is actually decreasing. Banks and offices are fast displacing shops in the city's centre, either driving them further afield or squeezing them out altogether. Very soon only the biggest concerns will be able to keep pace with soaring rents. Smaller competitors, more and more, will have to remove to less central places where their business will suffer accordingly. The ultimate effect of this tendency is obvious, yet nothing can be done until the military lands are handed over eventually—years hence?

Meanwhile office space, not less than shop space is inadequate. As we have pointed out before, many businesses want room to turn round. Some have to put up with makeshifts in unsuitable quarters. Some, indeed, are still waiting. The *China Mail* would therefore repeat the suggestion it made some eight months ago. Many business men need little more than a desk, a stenographer, a telephone, and a good business address. Open some place where they can obtain these, renting the desk and paying the stenographer for work done. The venture would pay well, because in addition to permanent use by business men unable to find cheap office premises, it would be largely used by commercial travellers. The person who first adopts the idea will not only perform what amounts to a public service; he will also found a very profitable business.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The school sports of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians have been postponed to Wednesday, March 21.

Command Orders publish an extract from the *London Gazette* to the effect that Lieut. H. R. Donovan R.G.A., retires on half pay.

Mr. N. I. Brewer has returned to the Colony by the s.s. "Nankin." He is now a barrister, having been called at the Middle Temple, and hopes to practise here.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the "President Madison" were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. John Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Dollar, and Miss Alice Dollar.

Mr. Leopold Godowsky, the famous pianist, will pay a return visit to Shanghai this month after a very successful tour of Java, the Straits Settlement and the Philippine Islands. He is due to arrive there on March 24.

In no fewer than 33 schools in Japan "intelligence tests" have been substituted for examinations, and so successful is the system proving that the Education Department is making investigations into the possibility of introducing it throughout the whole country.

Three men, two women and a boy were kidnapped from a fishing boat off Cheung Muk Tau, near Sai Ah Chau Island, Tai O, on Monday. According to the Police report five or six armed men boarded the fishing boat and after stealing some money and a number of articles sailed off in a westerly direction. The kidnapped persons have not been traced.

The Chinese press states that the naval authorities at Nanking are at loss to know what they are going to do with the three gunboats purchased from Admiral Stark a couple of months ago. It was intended to repair the vessels, but this is impossible owing to lack of funds, so now a man has been ordered to proceed to Nanking to take care of them.

TWO MONTHS AWAY.

STONECUTTER CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

Sergeant James, of Stanley Station, charged a stonecutter before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistrate's court this morning, with having participated in a highway robbery on the Stanley Road on January 14.

The victim, living at Aberdeen, was stopped by two men who robbed him of \$10. in cash. Defendant had been absent from Stanley since the day of the crime. He had, however, returned a few days ago. As he answered to the description furnished, he was arrested and subsequently identified without the least hesitation by the complainant.

A remand was asked for to procure more evidence, if possible, and this was granted by his Worship.

LOCAL STRIKE.

DOCK CARPENTERS' DISPUTE.

Yesterday representatives of the carpenters employed by the Kowloon Dock Co., who are at present on strike for more pay and the contractors through whom they are engaged, met at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in an endeavour to come to terms. It is believed that the dispute will be settled very shortly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Among the passengers leaving for London N. Y. K. s.s. "Hakone Maru" are Mr. E. S. Thellessen, acting traffic accountant of the Great Northern Telegraph Co. Shanghai, who is accompanied by his wife and his step-sons, Masters Eric and R. Turnbull. By the same steamer, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris are leaving for Home on holiday.

The sailing ship "Thermopylae" was well-known in the Far East in the early days, when a fleet of vessels was always on the road to London with tea from China. The "Thermopylae" according to recent word from London, is now a school hulk at Lisbon, Portugal. She was an Aberdeen-built clipper, and the "Catty Sark's" greatest rival.

Another step towards the lighting of the North Borneo Coast has been made. At Tanjong Ussang, a dangerous corner on the East Coast, a lighthouse is being built, and this is to be followed by one at Taganac Island, opposite the entrance to Sandakan Harbour. The completion of a scheme of coastal lights is only a matter of time—and money.

The latest addition to the Robert Dollar fleet is the "Celtic," which has been purchased from the United States Navy. This vessel which was built in 1891 by Workman and Clark was purchased by the U. S. Navy during the Spanish-American war. Since then she has been used by the Navy as a receiving and refrigerator ship. The "Celtic" is 369 feet long, has a beam of 44 feet and a depth of 21 feet. She is 2,800 tons net register.

Mr. A. B. Puddicombe, of the Public Works Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, has left with Mrs. Puddicombe for eight months' home leave. Mr. Puddicombe is well known for his work with the A.D.C., his last appearance having been in "What Every Woman Knows" where he took the part of Charles Venables, the amiable diplomat. He is also one of the most expert amateurs in wireless telegraphy, having worked on the subject for several years past.

Captain J. Gosse, one of British Columbia's veteran pilots, has resigned from the B. C. Pilotage Association and will hereafter be Company pilot for the Blue Funnel Line. Two other pilots, Captain J. C. Foote and Captain J. W. Butler, and it is reported, Captain T. S. Gums and Captain Edwards, of Vancouver, have also parted company with the B. C. Pilots. Their plans are unknown, but it would not be surprising if a third pilotage organization came into existence.

Mr. J. E. Badeley, barrister-at-law, was last week admitted by Sir Skinner Turner to practice at H. M. Supreme Court in Shanghai. Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, Crown Advocate, in introducing Mr. Badeley, mentioned that he was a member of the Bar of Gray's Inn, obtained the degree of B. A. at King's College, Cambridge, and passed into the Indian Civil Service. He had also served in the Great War. His Lordship said he had much pleasure in admitting the applicant to practice at the bar of the Court, and wished him every success.

TOM WRT'S COLUMN.

Kind Correspondents.—Very gratifying it would somewhat of a surprise to find in my mailbox such a fine harvest following the sowing of the small seed of a hint that would like to hear from some of you. Wrote to you men that I no conscious claims upon, and so kindly and so interesting to make me forget the delinquencies of some that should have my bidding and did not. Truth of the motto that hangs in the hall of your post-office is apparent, and I am happy to sense possession of friends. I thank you all.

THE B. CLUB.—One asks a favour I would gladly give were it possible, and yet I cannot avoid the fact that it is not. He asks to make for him, as one that is to improve a neglected list of books that he OUGHT to have. There is life in it, so it is not a bad thing. Long ago to Sir J. Lubbock's Hundred Best Books had no trouble in adding a list, hundred just as good. It occurs me that it might be easier, as useful, to compile a list of the Hundred Worst; but expert proved that also vain. Thirt-war eruption among the public makes a hundred seem a little, a paltry figure. For bookish still as hungry as gorging and guzzling Jimmy; but this is an idea of deliberately going them, as to the butcher's, to good of them, and self-improvement, gives me apoplexy to cholera. Sooner the crank would ask me what it were best him to eat. Him I could slay a light heart and a croquet ball; but for the worthy creature regardeth a library, as a Y.M.C. continuation class only a profoundity and compassion is forthcoming. Gladstone might urge his clan to chew a mouthful of eatable and thirty times, and be in right for all I know; but who I preach the right mastication books? Would you read? Thread. That is all there is, so we say, "to it," and Jack is your best exemplar. did not deliberately set about devouring of that famous Chrys pie with an eye to its possible merits and calories. No, the poet is us that he put in his thumb pulled out a plum, and the morrow he was a good enough boy explicitly conveyed. Even so much as he thumbled, and if the embryo you, as oftentimes it will, in a classic, count it not unrighteous or even inadequacy in yelp, but know for sure, what every I am trying to tell you, that you have the plum you have the right matter, the only goal-wed and target bulled. To really is to read what you can make therefrom and keep the pulp like. That is all your humble bookworm does, and is still withal. If you can read Brog's, why then, read him, and go apace. But do not do as some hel, assembling together to hold anquest upon the corpse of Browning's diligently and earnestly ening of each other how and by means they may digest cannibally such bits of the body they have not saved by themselves. Of such are the commentators heap up a hideous mayonnaise upon the simple salad of poem, and inflict upon innocent and well-meaning readers the pepsia of pedantry. Books are not nasty medicines to be gulped with sugar of explanations. The gods pardon the lie of ing such explanations sugary, book that seems to want sever application may pardonably be laid aside until the appetite for it grows lusty, as a delicate man may eatlets and defer roast beef till he back his robustness. These two mislead. Eating is one business, reading is another. You eat live, or should do so; but you read, else are you off the tray and should turn back to it. It may fairly be argued that reading is more like swallowing chewing. Since you will not permit to live long enough read all that you could read, I relish, what can it matter what those you will read get first? Read as you make friends, and tasting as they come, grasping what you enjoy. The people who suffer introductions, or people they are told they should know are snobs, and then who contemplates a program reading books he OUGHT to read is, (if my correspondent whose the apparent harshness, not personally) a prig. There is so simple and unmistakable. Right reading is never a task, always a delight, a recreation, always one must recognize them may have commenced reading with wrong motive, and come with the right one, as men went to school remained to pray. But, as the Aberdeen said, an inviting Good Templar to take him, "It was an awful risk, better to read only when you go to read, and because you do. This disposes of your criticism of the selection, I think; but does not seem to you to do so, is that other implied in the of the

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

The Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., submit their report for the year ending 31st December, 1922, as follows:—
The gross profit for the year is.....\$1,508,452.79

After paying interest.....\$268,194.60 and depreciation, plant, etc., by.....685,361.66 and paying a bonus to staff of 60,000.00

there remains a net profit of.....\$494,896.53

and adding amount brought forward as per last report.....\$808,783.76 less interim dividend paid 15th October, 1922.....240,000.00

leaves available a sum of.....\$1,063,680.29

which the Directors recommend to be appropriated as follows:—
To pay a final dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum or \$5 per share.....\$300,000.00
To pay a bonus to shareholders of \$3 per share.....180,000.00
To carry forward to new account.....583,680.29

1,063,680.29

Directors.—In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election. Mr. G. M. Dodwell and Mr. P. A. Cox retired from the Board on leaving the Colony, and Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. Allan Cameron were invited to join the Board and these appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard has been appointed Chairman for the year 1923.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

DOCKYARD R.C. DEFEAT TITANIA.

At the Tai Hang range on Sunday, the Dockyard Recreation Club met the Titania in a Rifle League match and won by 95 points. The scores were as follows:

| DOCKYARD R.C. | Yds. | Total |
|--------------------|------|-------|
| Mr. McGuigan..... | 200 | 28 |
| Mr. Lamerton..... | 31 | 25 |
| Mr. Brock..... | 32 | 30 |
| Mr. Pritchard..... | 29 | 28 |
| Mr. Wimbles..... | 33 | 26 |
| Mr. Mayer..... | 33 | 27 |
| Mr. Gill..... | 31 | 27 |
| Mr. Cassidy..... | 27 | 31 |
| | 247 | 228 |

| H.M.S. TITANIA. | Yds. | Total |
|------------------|------|-------|
| Mr. Garrett..... | 30 | 25 |
| Mr. Parks..... | 28 | 27 |
| Mr. Oldham..... | 31 | 25 |
| Mr. Martin..... | 30 | 25 |
| Mr. Griggs..... | 22 | 26 |
| Mr. Sellers..... | 23 | 22 |
| Mr. Woolmer..... | 25 | 27 |
| Mr. Scott..... | 30 | 18 |
| | 219 | 195 |

placard over the piano in a mining camp saloon: Do not shoot the pianist; he is doing his best.

ARGUERS.—I know, I know the type of arguer who cannot continue a friendly debate without raising his voice, getting hot, and shouting you down. In his presence I have myself suffered the pains of congestion of suppressed oratory. The only cure for this is prevention, that is to say, avoid the brute. Don't argue with him. Don't listen to him. Get up and go.

Others.—To some others I have written privately, but with the warning that it is not to be regarded as a compelling precedent. Obviously, I could not keep it up.

INTERPORT REGATTA.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SATURDAY.

The Shanghai interport rowing team arrived on Monday night on the s.s. "President Madison." The team consists of Messrs. P. Schweizer (bow), F. W. Schlobohm (2), C. J. S. Phillips (3), H. J. Collar (stroke), J. B. Brown (spare man) with the coach, Mr. D. O. Graham.

Nine rowing events will be held on Saturday, from about 11.15 a.m. till 6 p.m. These comprise:—

Interclub pairs (distance 3/4 mile) for the Murdoch Challenge Cup at present held by the R.H.K.Y.C. The entrants are the V.R.C., Shanghai R.C., R.H.K.Y.C. and Canton R.C.

Interport single sculls (distance 3/4 mile) for the Blair Challenge Shield. Shanghai, Canton and Hongkong compete for this trophy.

Interclub fours (distance 1 mile) for the Stockbrokers' Challenge Cup held at present by the R.H.K.Y.C. Shanghai, Canton, the V.R.C. and the holders are entered.

Interport pairs (distance 3/4 mile) for the Percy Smith Challenge Cup held by the R.H.K.Y.C. Shanghai, Canton and Hongkong will contest this event.

Dragon-boat race arranged by Mr. Ah King.

"Hong" fours (distance 3/4 mile). Police launch crews with European cox (distance 1 mile).

Interport fours (distance 1 mile) for the Smyth Challenge Shield, Shanghai, Canton and Hongkong being entered.

Scratch fours (distance 1/2 mile). This is open to all oarsmen of the different competing clubs, and crews will be drawn by the various strokes.

The course chosen is from the direction of Lyemun to the R.H.K.Y.C. club house, Shanghai's colours will be red, Canton green, Hongkong blue, V.R.C. white and R.H.K.Y.C. blue. Clinker built boats will be the only kind used. Mr. W. Logan is to distribute the rowing prizes at the Hongkong Hotel dinner at 8 p.m.

YACHTING.

Four yacht races for ladies are included in the programme, the handicaps for which are as follows:

Gael Class.

Capt. A. Taylor..... 07'

Toinette, Messrs. D. L. Ralph and J. Thayer..... Scr.

Thecla, Capt. G. A. Crawford..... 20'

Viking, Mr. F. Trobridge..... 25'

Dorothy, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave..... 30'

Joan, Mr. D. H. Blake..... Scr.

Chinook, Mr. W. Davidson..... 2'00"

HEYWARD-HAYS CLASS.

Gladys, Mr. J. L. Adams..... Scr.

Sealark, Mr. E. Cock..... "

Spray, Mr. L. Syder..... "

Boojum, Mr. F. G. Vaux..... "

Winifred, Mr. J. C. Finch..... "

Adanac, Capt. W. Davison, R.N.R..... "

Sirius, Mr. H. Scriven..... 20'

Ursula, Mr. H. S. Rouse..... 10'

Lola, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving..... 30'

Belinda, Commd. H. E. Grace, R.N..... 30'

Owl, Lady Stubbs..... 30'

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Daphne, Mr. F. R. Smyth..... Scr.

Bonito, Mr. O. S. G. Sheppard R.E..... "

Ailsa, Mr. C. E. L. Grist..... "

Halcyon, Mr. D. K. Blair..... "

HANDICAP CLASS.

Diana, Capt. T. Arthur..... Scr.

Colleen, Mr. J. D. McClatchie..... 45'

Rolla, Mr. N. Groucher..... Scr.

Lilac II, Mr. R. Stock..... 20'

Argula II, Mr. J. H. Peace..... 45'

Dorothea, Mr. Geo. Hogg..... 45'

Mrs. Blair has kindly consented to distribute the prizes won during the past season in Yacht Club events. Members of the R.H.K.Y.C. and V.R.C., their wives and friends, have been invited to be present. Tea will be served during the afternoon at the Clubhouse. By kind permission of Major Wright and Officers, the Band of the 2nd Batta. King's Regiment will play selections during the afternoon. Special Trams will run from the Post Office to the Club House at 2.15 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 2.45 p.m., and 3 p.m. Launches will run from Murray Pier every fifteen minutes from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

On Sunday, an interport sailing event will be held between representatives of Swatow and Hongkong. Arrangements will be announced later.

OARSMEN IN TRAINING.

A feeling of enthusiasm is now beginning to assert itself as the

LYEMUN COLLISION.

JUNK CUT IN TWO.

CHILDREN DROWNED.

Kwok Fat-ming, the master of a fishing-junk, has reported to the police that at 3 a.m. yesterday while sailing off Futau Chau Island and going in the direction of Lyemun Pass, another junk coming from an opposite direction collided with the stern of his junk. The impact was so great that twenty feet of the stern was severed from the main body of the junk. On the portion cut adrift were two children, a boy aged eleven and a girl aged nine. It is presumed that both of them were drowned. Immediately after the collision, the unknown junk put up sail and disappeared without offering any assistance. The distressed fishing junk was subsequently towed into Shauiwan by a launch.

A HIDEOUS CHARACTER.

"DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE."

Rarely indeed has the screen known such great acting as that of Mr. John Barrymore who plays the dual role called for in the film version of R. L. Stevenson's celebrated story "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" which is being shown at the Coronet for the last time today.

Lovers of R.L.S. who see the picture—and surely none of them will wish to let slip the opportunity—will perhaps not agree with some of the liberties the scenario writer has taken with the story but they will none the less be forced to admit that Mr. Barrymore has discharged with the greatest credit a task to test the talents of the most accomplished actor. "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" both shock and fascinate. The repulsive Hyde soon forces the suffering and remorseful Jekyll into the background and becomes the central figure; the soul-tortured scientist is almost lost sight of once he has created the monster of his impious ambition.

ENTICED THEM AWAY.

YAU MATI KIDNAPPING CHARGE.

That they enticed a small Yau mati boy away from his mother was the charge preferred against Li Chan-wa, Li Chan-tung and Fan Kam-to by Divisional Sub-Inspector Lanigan before Mr. E. Lindsell this morning.

Inspector Lanigan stated that the evidence was not convincing. It is alleged that the three defendants enticed three small Chinese boys to the reclamation at Yau mati where they were given food and fruits. The boys were taken to the Kowloon-Railway station. Two of them refused to enter but one acquiesced. He has not been heard of since. One of the two that escaped informed the police and defendants were arrested. A week's remand was applied for on the instructions of Mr. W. Schofield of the S. C. A. for further investigation. First defendant had not been able to give a satisfactory account of his movements on the day in question.

His Worship made the order for a week's remand, remarking that if no evidence were forthcoming then defendants would be discharged.

day draws nearer when the interport and interclub regatta is to take place. In addition there will be the closing cruise of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club which should also produce keenly contested races. The regatta has been organised by the R.H.K.Y.C. in co-operation with the V.R.C. and it is ten years since Hongkong and Shanghai last came together to fight for interport rowing honours. The team chosen to represent Hongkong in the interport fours, a distance of one mile, will be: J. S. McCann, stroke; H. W. Petley, D. C. Logan, H. Dreyer and J. B. Norgaard.

The Hongkong interport pair will be Dreyer and McCann with Razavet as coxswain, and McCann himself will make a good effort to pull off the interport single sculls for Hongkong.

Of course the interport fours will be the chief feature of the day's events. The course is expected to be covered in about five minutes and a quarter and in the last trial run on Sunday the home team ran pretty close to that limit completing the course exactly in five minutes thirty five seconds. The Shanghai team who are staying with various members of the Hongkong Yacht Club got on to the water last night but the sea was far too rough to permit of any good trials. In spite of this description meteorological conditions are a big factor and water like yesterday's makes rowing almost impossible.

SPORT IN CHINA.

"THE GREAT AWAKENING."

OUR HAPPY VALLEY PRAISED.

Mr. L. A. Cubitt, who is at present in Shanghai organising a Chinese football team for an Australian tour contributes the following to the Sydney Sun.

Having been in Hongkong sufficiently long to view the picturesque surroundings of this mystifying land, I feel as though I would like to write about it, rather than of other things. But it would take too much space to do it justice; suffice it to say that it is a land of wonderful and fascinating mystery, and I can now understand, as thousands of writers have said, that the call of the East is irresistible to the Westerner.

It is of the athletic prowess of the men of this land that I wish to write, for that is the object of my visit.

On arrival I learned that my two colleagues, Messrs. H. H. Millard and J. Shaw, had covered practically all of the preliminary ground in connection with this tour. They were received by the Chinese people—the better class of people—in a very enthusiastic and hospitable manner, and the gentlemen in whose hands the destinies of Chinese athletics have been entrusted welcomed them very cordially.

The University and colleges have interested themselves in this movement, and the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association has also taken a hand in it. In a subsequent article I shall deal with the work of this wonderful institution in the Far East.

The Hongkong Y. M. C. A. possesses a building which is the equal of anything in Australasia. And the Y. M. C. A. does more for the furtherance of sport in China than any other body in the country. It has an excellent gymnasium and a huge swimming pool. It was surprising to me to see the whole-hearted manner in which the lads connected with it—they are practically all Chinese youths—went in for their respective sports. Football, cricket, tennis, hockey, polo, basketball, swimming, and practically every kind of sport, are keenly indulged in. And as each year goes by the numbers taking up sports are rapidly increasing.

No Sport in Summer.

There is a great awakening in the world of sport in the Orient. They have no special seasons for their various branches of sport as we have in Australia. Football and cricket are played side by side at the famous recreation ground, Happy Valley. The high percentage of humidity in the atmosphere during the summer months will not permit of athletic sports being played then, though, strange to say, I have been informed that the thermometer rarely, if ever, exceeds 90 degrees.

Therefore, the sports are all played in the other seasons—in the spring, autumn and winter. At the present time we are experiencing what they call midwinter; and it has not been cold enough for me to need my overcoat. It is much milder than an Australian autumn, and there has been no rain here for months.

Happy Valley is the finest little race-course that I have seen. It is situated, as its name implies, in a valley surrounded by wooded hills, and is 10 minutes ride by tram car and 20 minutes by ricksha from the city. Of course, the rickshas are there in thousands.

The course is seven furlongs round, with an inner training track, and the horses race right-handed. The straight is about two furlongs. I shall speak of the racing in a subsequent article.

The whole of the inside of the course—that is, what we know as the flat—is allotted to sports. There one may find many football grounds, tennis courts, cricket pitches, baseball fields, and running tracks. And as there are only two race meetings a year, it can be readily understood that Happy Valley is more used as a sports ground than as a racecourse.

The most popular code of football at present in Hongkong is Soccer, because that is the only football code that is included in the Far Eastern Olympiad to be held in Japan in the course of a month or two. This great event is an annual one, and is conducted on the same lines as the world's Olympiad. The chief entrants so far are the Philippines, China and Japan, and no stone is being left unturned in each of these countries to secure the best talent.

Chinese "Form" Surprises.

When Messrs. Millard and Shaw arrived here they found most Chinese footballers aspiring to gain a place in the Soccer side, and they were engaged in trial games against Europeans and inter-port matches with Shanghai. I had the pleasure of seeing one of the games a few days ago. It was played before an attendance of 10,000 people, 95 per cent of whom were Chinese.

The form displayed by all the Chinese was really surprising to me. I am not an expert in the Soccer code, but I should judge that some of them were class players. Their dribbling, passing,

DUST CART ACCIDENT.

FOREMAN INJURED.

BREAKAWAY ON STEEP GRADIENT.

An accident to a Sanitary Department dust-cart in Elgin Street yesterday was responsible for a foreman being injured. He was taken to hospital.

After a house-cleaning round, the cart was going down a steep gradient with the foreman at the hand brake. He slipped and a wheel rolled over him. The cart then got out of control and ran into a grocery spilling all the refuse in the shop and damaging some of the stock-in-trade. The damage is placed at \$200.

HONGKONG FIRE DIVIDEND.

\$32 PER SHARE.

We are officially informed that, subject to audit, the general managers and consulting committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on 27th instant, the payment out of the profits for the year 1921 of a dividend of \$32.00 per share absorbing \$256,000; to pass \$200,000 to credit of Reserve Fund and £10,604.4.3 @ ex: 2/24 = \$95,140.59 to credit of Re-insurance Fund, carrying forward \$631,693.38 in respect of the year 1922.

SUBMARINE ERUPTION.

TREMORS IN HONGKONG.

At the time of the volcanic eruption reported by the Captain of the "Wakasa Maru," namely, 3 to 4 p.m. on the afternoon of Friday, March 2, the seismograph at the Hongkong Observatory was quiet but at 0.53 mins. 16 secs. after midnight on March 3 the preliminary tremors of a large earthquake commenced. The long or surface waves commenced at 0.56 min. 53 secs. a.m. and the movement died away at 2h. 55 mins. a.m. The maximum movement was 20 mm. on either side of zero at 2h. 2 min. 35 secs. a.m. The estimated distance of the epicentre from Hongkong is 1600 kilometres.

HONGKONG HEALTH.

During the week ending March 10, the following cases of and deaths from notifiable diseases were reported:

Ten cases and twelve deaths from small-pox, one case of diphtheria; two cases (two deaths) of enteric fever, two cases (one death) of cerebro-spinal fever and one case (one death) of influenza, which is not notifiable, was also reported. All the victims were Chinese.

One Chinese case of enteric fever was reported on Monday.

One Chinese case of diphtheria, one Indian case of enteric fever (imported) and two cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one Chinese and one Filipino) were notified yesterday.

In a few months' time two big liners of 20,700 tons each will be added to the fleet of the P. and O. Company. They are the "Malaja" and the "Moolan" at present under construction at Belfast. When completed they will be the largest vessels in the P. and O. service.

ness of foot, and wonderful anticipation impressed me very much, and I should say that they will take to our own game like a duck to water. They have never had the benefit of instruction by anybody in either code of football, and they have been obliged to teach themselves the finer points of the game.

I was greatly impressed with one Chinese, a grand cut of an athlete, who, when racing after the ball, reminded me of Frank Burge; but whether he can attain the standard set by that master of Rugby is another matter.

Since their arrival here a little more than a month ago, Messrs. Millard and Shaw have done a vast amount of pioneering work in the way of establishing a Rugby League. They have promise of support from a number of prominent and influential gentlemen, who have decided to form a controlling body, which will be the first of its kind in China.

The supporters of sport in China appear to appreciate the broad-minded attitude adopted by the Rugby League in Australia and New Zealand in interesting themselves in Chinese athletics, and the enthusiasm with which they have received the project affords grounds for believing that the team will consist of the finest athletes in the country. The material certainly is here; and if they can be induced to sustain their efforts for a few years they will make their presence felt in the football world.

IN CANTON NOW.

SUN'S MEN IN POWER.

TELEGRAPH STRIKE CONTINUES.

An official of the Chinese Telegraph's Administration in Canton, who came to Hongkong after the operators' strike, said in conversation with a *China Mail* reporter to-day that there is a deadlock in the telegraph suspension at Canton. Both sides are adamant and there is little probability of a settlement unless there is a new development.

Questioned as to the situation in Canton, the official said that nearly every civil post of importance is now occupied by Dr. Sun's adherents. He explained that though Dr. Sun had no direct military backing in Canton, neither the Kwangsi nor the Yunnan element would deem it wise to quarrel with him. To appease public opinion they had to profess loyalty to the *Ming* cause. Further, there was also the question of balance of power. Militarists would view with alarm any attempts by a faction to extend its scope even if no immediate danger were threatened. It was to everybody's interests to see that no party got sufficiently strong to be able to dictate to the other.

He also ventured the opinion that the Kwangsi troops' movements were partly due to apprehensions that a time would come when they would be regarded as superfluous and steps would be taken to remove them. Their threatening attitude at present was merely to secure for themselves a permanent footing in Kwangtung province as Kwangsi could not support them. The telegraph official naively added: "Provided Sun refrains from interfering with Shum and is willing to take him into the fold, Shum will not interfere with Sun." There is a popular belief in Canton that Sun, remembering the treatment meted out to him by the Kwangsi militarists during the "Military Government" regime, does not unreservedly trust the Kwangsi-ites. They, on the other hand, are fully aware of this but will not push home their military advantage as it would be detrimental to their object of staying as long as they can. For these reasons, our informant thinks that there will be no trouble in Canton just at present.

As to Sun's plans for organising a labour corps from the superfluous soldiers, the official expressed the opinion that with the finances in such straitened conditions, very little could be done. Without funds to meet the enormous arrears of pay due to the various armies there was very little chance of getting the soldiers to relinquish their rifles, which are their "professional signboards." Appointments have been made to this labour corps and orders issued for disarmament, but beyond this little has been accomplished. These are not the only factions in the public eye. Chen Chung-ming's men are still soldiers in spite of Chen's downfall. They have either been incorporated into other corps or are roaming the country in small batches, waging guerilla warfare wherever they go. Hsu Shung-chi's ability or otherwise to lead the Cantonese troops back to Canton will be the deciding factor. With the necessary military support, Sun will be able to put into effect the retrenchment and other public welfare schemes he has proposed.

YARN MARKET.

FEELING OF DEPRESSION.

Under date, March 14, Messrs.

Polishwalla & Kotwall report:—

Since our last report on the 12th February per str. "Atsuta Maru," during the earlier part of the interval at the opening of the market at the Chinese New Year, much activity was displayed by the Chinese buyers for complimentary purchase which resulted in the sale of about 1,600 bales in 10s. and 12s. yarn of known chops at an advance of \$1 to \$3 per bale but latterly the news of increasing brigandage and very insecure state of business and traffic in many consuming districts, have produced a depressing effect on our market, while several buyers, apprehending the present unrest continuing for some considerable time, have commenced selling their holdings at \$8 to \$4 under the ruling rates, which has caused further depression and at the close the tendency is quiet and uncertain and although there must come out a strong inquiry by this time of the year, yet all prospects of a revival of business depend entirely upon the turn of political situation in Canton and adjoining countries.

The foreign holders are firmly holding out their stocks, owing to news of a very strong market in India where prices are \$4 to \$6 higher as compared with those of our place.

Total sales during the whole interval 2,130 bales.

Unsold stock 11,000 bales.

Bargain in Chinese hands 10,000 bales.

Arrivals from Bombay 5,000 bales.

Shanghai.—Local mills are reported to have done moderate business after the Chinese New Year and market kept up steady.

Japanese Yarn.—During the early part of the interval a substantial business had passed in this yarn at an advance of \$4 per bale, but at the close there was very little inquiry owing to the unfavourable situation, as stated above.

700 bales Nagasaki No. 20s. \$225; 3 Horses No. 16s. \$212; 3 Horses No. 20s. \$217; 1,000 bales Yellow Jess No. 20s. \$222; Setsu No. 10s. \$197; Setau No. 20s. \$228; Blue Fish No. 20s. \$226.

Raw Cotton.—Nothing of importance has passed in this staple commodity, but prices have remained very steady.

Quotations.—Bengal \$37 to \$41 per picul; Chinese \$45 to \$52 per picul.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

Lady Bonham, wife of Sir George
Francis Bonham, formerly British
Minister in Switzerland, died at
Knowla Park, Cranleigh, Surrey, aged
76.An estate and castle in Transyl-
vania has been bought by the
Rumanian Government to be present-
ed to General Berthelot, French Army
Corps commander, in recognition of
his service to Rumania in the war.Mr. P. A. S. Franklin, president of
the International Mercantile Marine
Company, of New York, who landed
at Plymouth on a business trip, said
that there is no prospect of reducing
shipping rates as expenses are too high.The battleship "Erin" which was
under construction for Turkey at the
outbreak of war and was taken over
by the British Government, has been
sold to be broken up at Queen-
borough.In return for a ransom of £133,330
and the release of 400 Moroccan
prisoners, Abdel Krim, the Moorish
leader, has agreed to release the 340
Spaniards he had in captivity for a
year and a half.In giving a piece of land near
Ebursquare, S.W., to the City of
Westminster, the Duke of West-
minster has stipulated that the
tenants of any houses built on the
ground must be people with children.Mr. R. R. Fairbairn, M.P. for
Worcester City, told a number of
newspapers, whom he entertained at
breakfast that he had himself been
a newboy in Canada and afterwards
in London.Alleging that he had been negligent
in not making an X-ray examination
of a broken arm, Miss Susan Colebold
sued Dr. P. A. Colmer, of Yeovil, at
Taunton Assizes, but the jury found
for the doctor.After officiating as organist at Holy
Trinity Church, Ventnor, Isle of
Wight, for more than 60 years, Mr.
Edwin Lemare has retired at the age
of 82. He is the father of the organist
and composer, Edwin H. Lemare.Ninety seven towns and villages in
France have now been "adopted"
by 76 towns in England, said Mr. H.
A. Gwynne, presiding at the second
annual meeting of the British League
of Help for the Devastated Areas of
France.A Bill tabled in the Romanian
Parliament to set up a new Constitu-
tion provides among other things that
all underground wealth shall become
State property, but respecting the
rights of concessionaires until the
expiry of their contracts.At the fourth attempt in 14 months,
Mrs. Ethel Graves, 22, of Liverpool,
sailed for the United States to join
her husband. Twice, after booking
her passage, she said she could not
face the journey, and on the third
occasion she dashed from the boat as
it was about to start.Eighty boys sent from England
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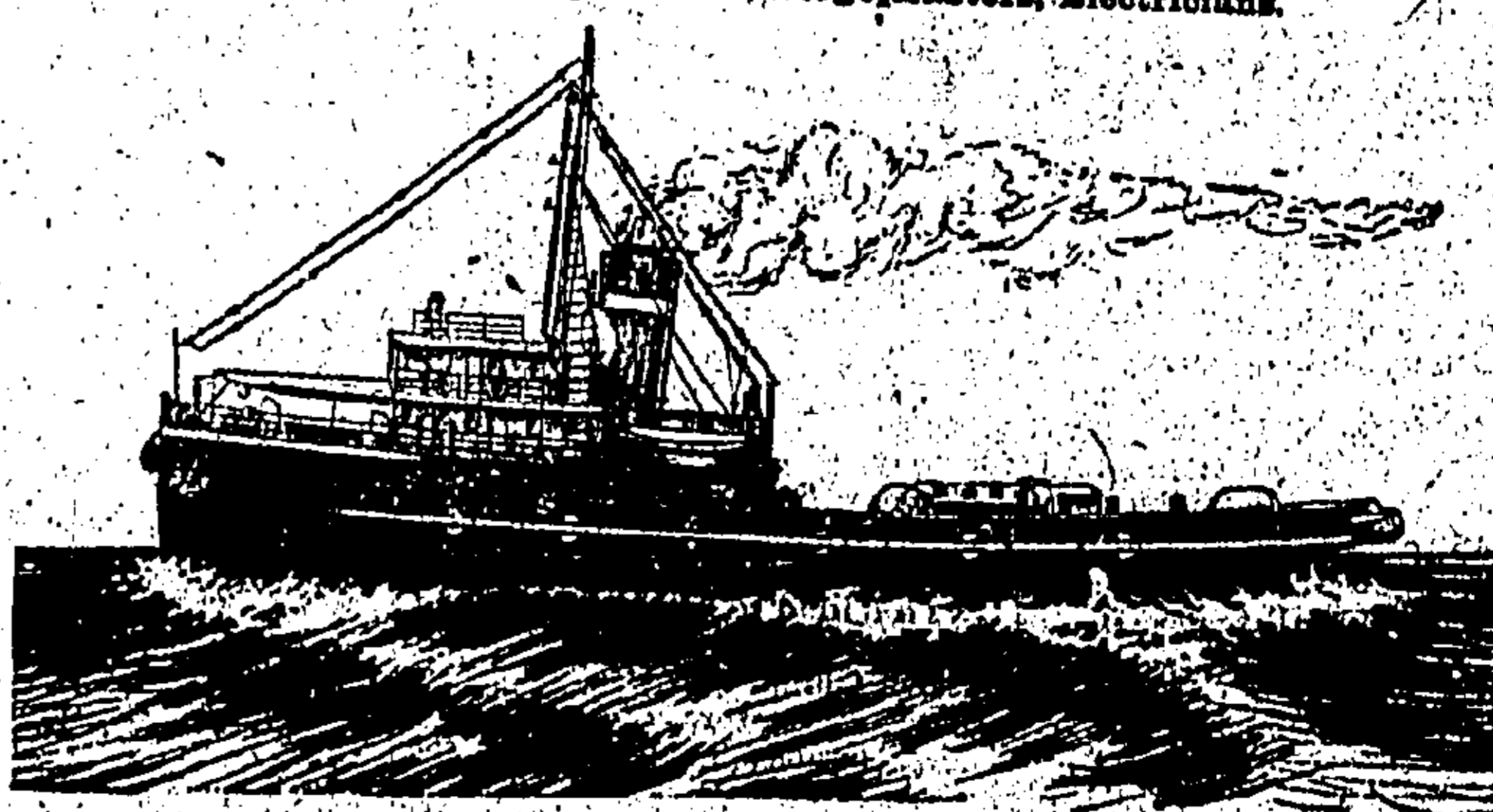
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PLAGUE DISEASE DECLINING.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Medical Officer of Health drew attention to the approach of the small-pox season and urged that measures be taken to avoid an epidemic here.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. G. R. Sayer (Head of the Department), supported by the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins (Director of Public Works), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. Ozorio, and Messrs. S. W. Tso, T. K. Wong, and J. A. Fraser (Secretary).

Dr. Pearce said he had been informed that there had been a sharp epidemic of small-pox in Canton and two of the 26 cases in Hongkong had come from there. He said: "We are in the midst of the small-pox season and the public is warned to protect itself by vaccination." He then stated that he would like to give the Board some better news in reference to the plague. So far, this year, he said, they had only had four cases. One was a body found in the Harbour and three were in Kowloon and very scattered. On the island there had been no cases at all, whereas last year in March there had been 62 cases, none in Kowloon, two imported and 60 in Hongkong itself. "So you see disease this year promises to be very slight," he concluded.

ANIMAL INSPECTION.

A discussion ensued on the following motion proposed by the President:

That the Board do introduce bye-laws embodying amendments specified in C.S.O. No. 3311/1921 (enclosure 11) to the existing bye-laws on the Importation, Inspection, Segregation, Observation and Slaughtering of Animals and Disposal of their Carcases.

After the new draft amendment had been read out in full by the secretary, Dr. Ozorio got up to object to the course proposed by the Chairman: that the Board approve of the Crown Solicitor's draft amendment. "The draft, as read out, he said, was far too long for them to grasp at one reading. He asked that it be discussed by the whole Board at some future date, and put the suggestion as an amendment.

The Chairman said that they could not bring the whole matter up again. The question was simply one of legal language, and the object was merely to bring horses and ponies under these bye-laws. They had approved the rest of the amendments already, and unanimously. It was not a question of finally passing the draft.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster seconded Dr. Ozorio's amendment, and the Chairman immediately withdrew his original resolution.

The amendment was carried unanimously.

Speaking with reference to his original resolution, the Chairman said that hitherto it was very doubtful whether horses were included in their bye-laws or not. It was not clear that they were, and it was not clear that they were not. The Board would remember that about six months ago there was a serious outbreak of glanders, and they decided that, pending the final and thorough revision of the bye-laws regarding animals, they would pass a special bye-law to cover horses. That was their definite intention.

It was considered desirable, and essential that they should have control over equines as much as over other animals. English laws did not apply in this Colony because there was no valuable stock to be protected. As a matter of fact, owners of ponies here had always knocked any pony on the head immediately it showed signs of infectious diseases. It was no doubt due to this fact that they had never, he thought, had any case of a human being infected by animal disease. But even if that were the only point to be considered, it still did not seem to him to be a very satisfactory state of affairs either from the point of view of the owners or from the point of view of the

GENERAL DA COSTA.

ENTERTAINED AT
"IDLEWILD."

General Sir Manoel Gomes da Costa, K.C.M.G., was entertained to tea by Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung at "Idlewild" yesterday afternoon when members of the Portuguese and Chinese communities were also present as guests, to do honour to the visitor.

The Chinese curios, paintings and scrolls which adorn Sir Robert's house seemed of special interest to the General. During the afternoon, light refreshments were served and Mr. Gonzales' orchestra rendered some appropriate musical selections.

Among the guests present were Senhor Corveira d'Albuquerque e Castro, Consul General for Portugal, Mmc. and Mlle. Corveira, Capt. Santos Pedro and Officers of the Portuguese gunboat "Patia," and Mrs. Santos, Capt. Sebastiao Jose da Costa, Chief of the Cabinet, Macao, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. B. Silva Netto, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. de Castro, Mr. J. L. de Selavisa Alve, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. de Carvalhos, Mr. P. V. Botelho, Mr. J. P. Brago, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Ma, Ng Hon-tze, Messrs. Liang Shih-yi, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung-shui, Hi, Wing, Mr. Chan Tin-son, of Yucco, Fat, Hong; Mr. Ping-suen Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital; Chev. Francisco Tse Yat, Messrs. Sin Tak-fan, Yip Lan Lan-chuen, S. W. Tso, Wong Kwong-tin, Ho Kwong and M. K. Lo.

ALL-THIRTEEN DINNER.

A PARTY THAT SET FATE
AT DEFIANCE.

For several hours the members of the Thirteen Club of New York defied fate in every way possible at their annual banquet. The feast was held at the Little Hungary (13 letters) Restaurant, and it began at 13 minutes to 8, and finished at 12.13.

In order to reach the banquet hall the guests had to walk under a ladder. There were 13 tables, and 13 chairs at each of them. Thirteen persons sat at the chairman's table. Thirteen waiters served the diners, and the meal consisted of 13 courses. There were two sets of 13 lights to illuminate the room.

Thirteen open umbrellas were distributed, and 13 skeletons dangled from the ceiling. It was the 13th time that Colonel John F. Hobbs had been elected Chief Ruler. Salt was spilled, and 13 mirrors were smashed. Some of the members used a coffin as a table, lighted candles being placed at the head.

military authorities. The main point was that certain animal diseases, and particularly glanders, were contagious, and dangerous to human beings. If a case of glanders did occur to a human being, and an enquiry was held, the Board would hardly discharge its responsibilities by saying that it was left to the owners to kill any ponies suffering from contagious disease. The amendments, also, made it quite clear that certain individuals would not be allowed in the stables without permission of the Board. The second point was that the veterinary surgeon was definitely empowered to segregate animals which were infected with disease, or if he had reasonable suspicions that any animal was so suffering. Thirdly, when a police officer or a Sanitary Inspector, was notified by the owner of a stable that any of his ponies were suffering from infectious disease, or if he reasonably suspected this to be the case, he would have power to serve the necessary notice, without first calling a meeting of the Board, as was now necessary.

Dr. Pearce remarked that he knew of a case where the owner of a pony suffering from glanders had definitely refused to have it destroyed, and had moved it out of the stable. The Chairman's motion, which was carried unanimously, was that the Board should have control over equines as much as over other animals. English laws did not apply in this Colony because there was no valuable stock to be protected. As a matter of fact, owners of ponies here had always knocked any pony on the head immediately it showed signs of infectious diseases. It was no doubt due to this fact that they had never, he thought, had any case of a human being infected by animal disease. But even if that were the only point to be considered, it still did not seem to him to be a very satisfactory state of affairs either from the point of view of the owners or from the point of view of the

NEW BLUE FUNNEL LINER.

LAUNCH OF THE
"SARPEDON."

The launch of the "Sarpedon," the first of a new class of passenger liners with which it is intended to maintain a monthly service to the Straits, China, and Japan, at present building for Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co., took place on February 2nd at the south yard of Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co., Ltd., at Birkenhead. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Richard D. Holt, wife of one of the principals in the firm of owners.

The new vessel is of the well-deck type with one funnel, the raking stem adopted by the line and elliptical stern. She is 517 ft. 6 in. by 62 ft. moulded breadth, and 39 ft. depth and a load displacement of over 10,000 tons, with a carrying capacity of 11,000 tons. A cellular double bottom runs fore and aft, and nine watertight bulkheads extend to the upper deck. A fire-resisting bulkhead is built between the upper and centre-castle decks, and one between the centre-castle and boat decks. There are six cargo holds, No. 5 hold and No. 5 main and lower 'tween-decks being insulated for carrying refrigerated cargoes. Fourteen steam winches, six electric winches and 14 pitch pine and 10 steel tubular derricks (including one for lifting 20 tons) are provided for working cargo. Electric winches are also available for operating the lifeboats, which comprise accommodation for all persons on board. A powerful steam windlass for working the anchors and cables is fitted on the fore-castle deck. Three sets of steam-driven dynamos supply the various electrical appliances and for lighting the ship. A petroleum-engine-driven emergency dynamo is fitted abaft of the engine casing on the upper deck for supplying current for lighting, pumping, and radio-telephony in case of emergency. The wireless telegraphy office is on the boat deck, and an adjoining cabin is for the accommodation of two wireless operators.

PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.

Accommodation is arranged for 155 first-class passengers (only one class being carried) on the promenade and centre-castle decks in 1, 2 and 3 berth rooms; officers are on the boat deck, the engineers and stewards on the upper decks amidships, with foremen and seamen in the poop. The first-class dining saloon, across the full breadth of the ship, is at the forward end of the centre-castle. The lounge, smoke-room and verandah cafe are on the promenade deck, where large promenade space is also provided. A large children's play-room is provided on the centre-castle deck. A hospital is fitted up in a house at the after-end of the boat deck, and is arranged for males and females independently. The decorative work and furnishings throughout will be carried out in substantial and tasteful style, all being designed to give the greatest comfort for passengers. Efficient natural ventilation is provided throughout, and passengers' lavatories, galley and upper deck passengers are ventilated by motor-driven fans.

The vessel will be propelled by twin screws actuated by single reduction geared turbines of the Brown-Curtis impulse type, capable of developing 8,000 shaft horse-power. Special regard has been paid to the attainment of quick and effective manoeuvring of the vessel, the turbines being capable, when going astern, of developing 85 per cent. of the service ahead. Michell thrust blocks are fitted both to the turbines and to the main shafts. The turbines are supplied with steam at 220 lb. pressure per square inch by three large double-ended cylindrical boilers, worked under Howden's system of forced draught and superheated. The designs of the hull have been prepared under the supervision of Mr. G. W. Barr, Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co.'s naval architect, and those for the machinery under the supervision of Mr. Sterry B. Freeman, the company's superintendent engineer.

SUCCESS TO THE "SARPEDON."

Mr. W. L. Hitchens, who presided at the luncheon, proposed the toast of "Success to the 'Sarpedon.'" He congratulated Messrs. Holt & Co. on the successful character of the launch. After presenting Mrs. Holt with a piece of Georgian silver plate as a souvenir of the occasion, Mr. Hitchens remarked that though they had been near neighbours for the past seventy years, the "Sarpedon" was the first vessel they had built for Holt's. Now that the ice had been broken he sincerely hoped that it would never be allowed to thicken again. The firm of Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co., who started in 1852, was one of the great institutions of this country. Mr. Alfred Holt began the firm with one second-hand ship. To-day they had 84 ships with a total register of 690,000 tons. At the present rate of progress it would not be long before they reached one million tons. They owed their position to the efficiency, the business instinct and the capacity for organisation

which had always been their characteristic from the very start. The name by which they were known, "The Blue Funnel Line," was an indication of their careful management and efficiency. When they got the second-hand ship with which they started they found a certain amount of cargo on board, a certain number of muskets, and a certain amount of blue paint. They did not waste the blue paint, but put it upon their funnels, which had been painted blue ever since. They were delighted to get the "Sarpedon" to build, not merely because they were able at long last to establish a connection at which they had "made sheep's eyes" for a long time, but also because work was slack at present. He would not do Messrs. Holt the injustice of saying that they placed that order with them for purely philanthropic reasons, but at that time they could hardly have rendered a greater service to Messrs. Holt.

Mrs. Holt said she felt that so much kindness had been shown to her that she really could not stay quiet without saying "thank you" herself. No ship had ever been launched which took the water more beautifully than did the "Sarpedon." She thanked Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co., for asking her to be there that day.

Mr. Richard D. Holt, on behalf of his firm, thanked the company most heartily for the very kind way in which they had received the toast "Success to the 'Sarpedon.'" Speed and safety characterised the launch. Those were exactly the characteristics they like to find in a steamer. He was glad to think that his firm and that of Messrs. Cammell, Laird had been able to make that first step in a business connection, and he hoped that acquaintance would continue a good long time. That was the fourth "Sarpedon" they had had in the history of their company. The first two vessels of that name were about 2,000 tons register, the third was 4,600 tons, and the vessel they had launched that day was over 11,000 tons. His own impression was that they were going to have very big ships indeed trading from Liverpool—all the big ships, in fact, except those of very abnormal dimensions, and he was not sure that those ships, from the business point of view, were a very profitable business. The new vessel marked somewhat of a new departure from what they had been doing in the past with regard to the China trade. With the three ships they would have within the next twelve months they hoped to have something like a monthly passenger service to China. He never believed there was any money in carrying European passengers to the East, but the unfortunate people had to get to their destination somehow or other. (Laughter.) He would much rather carry the merchandise than the merchant, yet he was bound to recognise that if the merchant did not get to his destination there would not be any merchandise. It must have been a very long time since any ship was built in Birkenhead which was intended to trade from Birkenhead. The "Sarpedon" was not going to stray off to some far-distant port. She was going to be fitted with about 1,200 tons of refrigerated space in which they hoped to bring nice fresh eggs from China. (Laughter.) They had a steamer at present discharging in Liverpool thirteen and a quarter millions of fresh eggs. They were going to make their ships pay, and in order to do that they had to have plenty of cargo and open ports. As regards shipbuilding they had got to get the cost stabilised. It was now about half what it was two or three years ago, but it was still about twice what it was before the war. They had got to make up their minds what was going to be the permanent basis in future of the price of ships, and when that was settled the public had to decide that the freights and the passenger rates they would pay would be stabilised also. Another question was whether shipbuilders were going to have pre-war prices for their ships, and whether those who worked in the shipyards were going to have pre-war wages. Besides that, they had got to make up their minds whether the public outside would supply the goods needed at pre-war prices. They could not have half-measures. The same standard would have to be accepted in relation to pre-war prices for all classes of work, whether they were going to fix the cost of work at the pre-war standard or double the pre-war standard. (Hear hear.)

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COMPANY MEETING.

SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

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TO HONGKONG.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., was held at the head office of the company on March 8 for the purpose of considering as a special resolution the extraordinary resolution passed on February 21, 1923. There were 63,966 shares represented. Mr. Brodie A. Clarke (chairman) presided, supported by Messrs. F. N. Matthews, E. G. Simms, G. H. Wright, Burrows and Mr. A. E. Seddon (legal advisor from Messrs. Platt and Company).

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Brodie A. Clarke and seconded by Capt. J. H. P. Parker was passed:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:

(a) In Article 1 the sentence commencing "The Head Office" shall read "The Head Office means the Head Office of the Company in Hongkong," and the sentence commencing "dollars" shall read "dollars mean Hongkong dollars."

(b) After Article 132 the following shall be inserted, namely:

LOCAL MANAGEMENT.
General Powers.—"132A.—(1) The Directors may from time to time provide for the management of the affairs of the Company in Shanghai or elsewhere in China and in the Colony of Hongkong in such manner as they shall think fit, and the provisions contained in the five next following paragraphs shall be without prejudice to the general powers conferred by this paragraph. Local Board.—(2) The Directors from time to time, and at any time, may establish any local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in Shanghai or elsewhere in China, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local board, or any Managing Director, Managers or Agents, and may fix their remuneration and, from time to time remove them."

Delegation.—(3) The Directors from time to time, and at any time, may delegate to any person so appointed any of the powers, authorities, and discretions for the time being vested in the Directors, and may authorise the members for the time being of any such local board, or any of them to fill up any vacancies therein, and to act notwithstanding vacancies; and any such appointment or delegation may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit, and any such appointment or delegation may be made in favour of the members of any of the members of any local board established as aforesaid, or in favour of any company, or of the members, directors, nominees, or managers of any company or firm, or otherwise in favour of any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors; and any such Power of Attorney may contain such provisions for the protection or convenience of persons dealing with such attorney as the Directors think fit.

Sub-delegation.—(4) Any such delegates or attorneys as aforesaid may be authorised by the Directors to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in them.

Local laws.—(5) The Directors may comply with the requirements of any local law which in their opinion it shall in the interests of the Company, be necessary or expedient to comply with (see in Articles 164, 167 and 174 the word "Hongkong" shall be substituted for the word "Shanghai" wherever the latter occurs).

After the adoption of the following resolution, proposed by Mr. Brodie A. Clarke and seconded by Capt. J. H. P. Parker: "That Sir Catchick P. Chater, K.C.M.G., Messrs. J. Scott-Harston, C. Montague Ede, A. R. Lowe, E. M. Montagu, J. H. Taggart, of Hongkong, and E. Burrows, of Shanghai, be directors of the company," Messrs. Brodie A. Clarke, F. N. Matthews, H. G. Simms and G. H. Wright resigned from the directorate.

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WHY GIRLS EMIGRATE.

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Fifty-four happy, healthy British women left Tilbury in mail week in the Commonwealth liner "Jervis Bay" (13,897 tons) for Australia, where they are to enter domestic service.

Well dressed, well educated for the most part, and in many cases good-looking, they would have been eagerly snapped up at sight by British housewives had they wished to enter service in this country.

Many of them, however, expressed a strong dislike for domestic service here, while being eager to go to Australia to take up the same work. They were in charge of a kindly matron, Miss A. E. Hallin, one of the housekeepers at Buckingham Palace, a royal servant for 16 years, to whom the King and Queen sent a signed photograph on her retirement.

To a Daily Mail reporter the following reasons for emigrating were given:

One, a widow of 27 said: "I would not take up domestic service in England. I do not object to the uniform, but I do not like the distinction made between the mistress and the maid. Domestic service will give me a more varied life than I have had here as a bookkeeper."

Another, a pretty girl of 21 who has been a leather machinist, said: "I would not take up domestic service in this country. There is too much class distinction. I have heard of warmed-up tea being given to a maid, and I do not agree with that at all. I do not mind hard work."

MORE CHANCE OVER-SEAS.
A 19-years-old typist said: "I have done no domestic service in England, and I would not like to do it. I do not like the social distinction made, and I would not like to wear a cap."

A girl from Finsbury Park, N., said: "You have to work too hard here; I am not tired of the life, but I am going because I think there will be more money and less work in Australia."

A Kensington young woman said: "I hope to better myself in every way. I like domestic service, but conditions are no good here at present."

A Wimbledon woman clerk said: "Domestic service here is liable to be drudgery. There is too much class distinction, and servants are not treated as members of the family as they are in Australia."



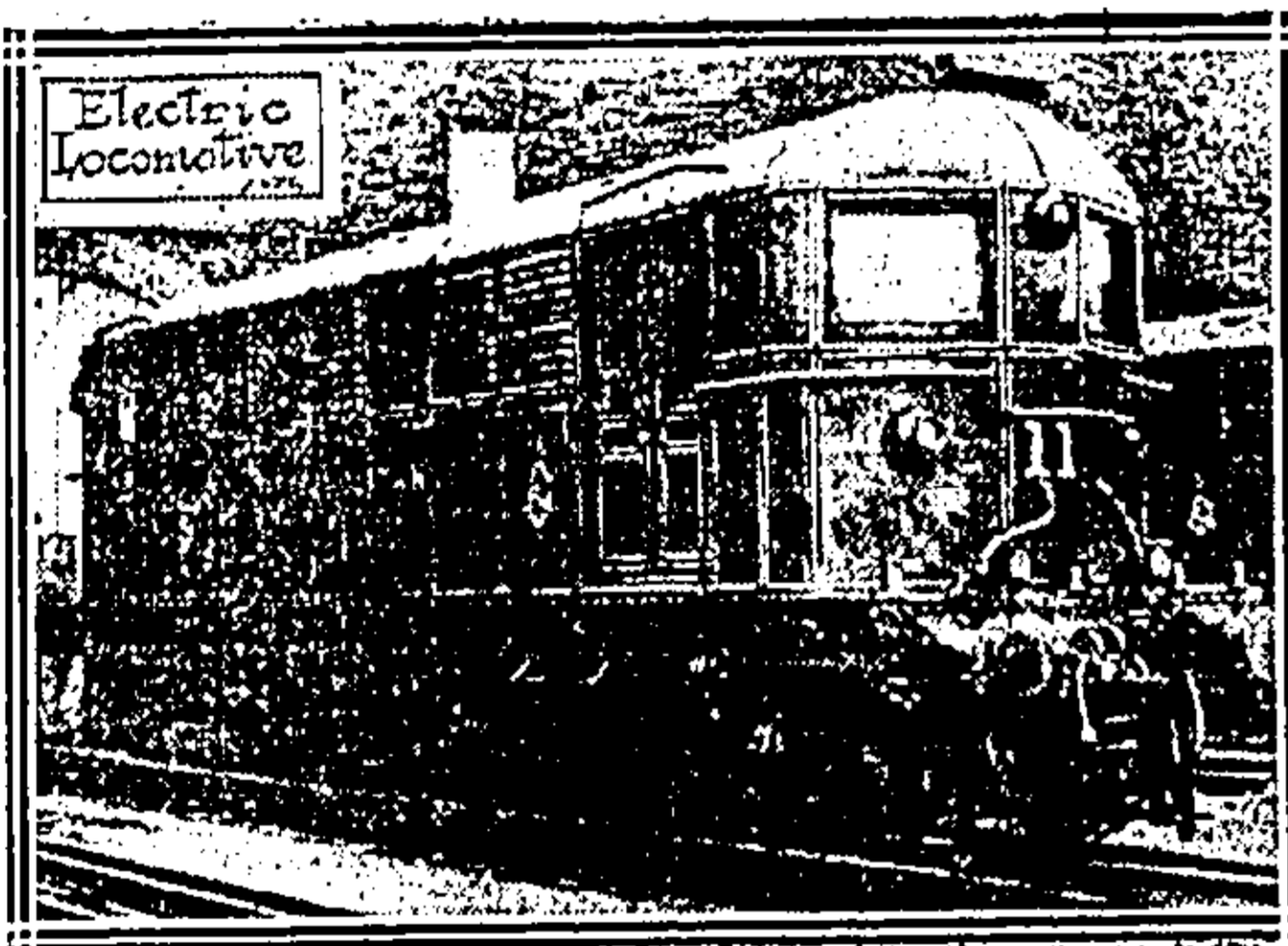
Miss Sheba Delhi, 17, London.

Although confessing she is fearful of mice, Miss Sheba Delhi, an English girl, makes terrifying boa constrictors her pets.



J.S. Sloan and armed auto.

Believed-to-have-been-leader-of the sensational \$200,000 hold up of the Denver Mint recently cabled. Sloan's body was found in a motor car in a locked garage. The photograph also shows the guns and the car in which he was found. He is believed to have been killed by one of the shots fired by the guard and to have been left there by his accomplices.



The Diamond Jubilee of the London Metropolitan Railway was celebrated by the introduction of a new model of electric car and locomotive, which develops speed of 65 miles an hour.



William Gibbs McAdoo is probable Democrat candidate for the American Presidency. He is a son-in-law of Mr. Woodrow Wilson, and has held the posts of Secretary of the Treasury and Railway Administrator. He is shown here with Senators Carter Glass, David Walsh and Pat Harrison.



At the request of the Chilean Government a deep-sea diving expedition has sailed from New York to attempt to recover \$1,000,000 in tungsten, which was lost in a vessel sunk off Valparaiso. The expedition is headed by B. F. Leavitt, President of the Leavitt-Lusitania Salvage Corporation, who later proposes to go to the Irish coast in an effort to raise the "Lusitania," sunk during the war by a German submarine.



Lady Dorothy Mills.

Lady Dorothy Mills, authoress and explorer, daughter of the Earl of Oxford, has started from England for West Africa. She has made several trips of exploration into Africa and this time will go as far as Timbucto. She is shown in her African costume.

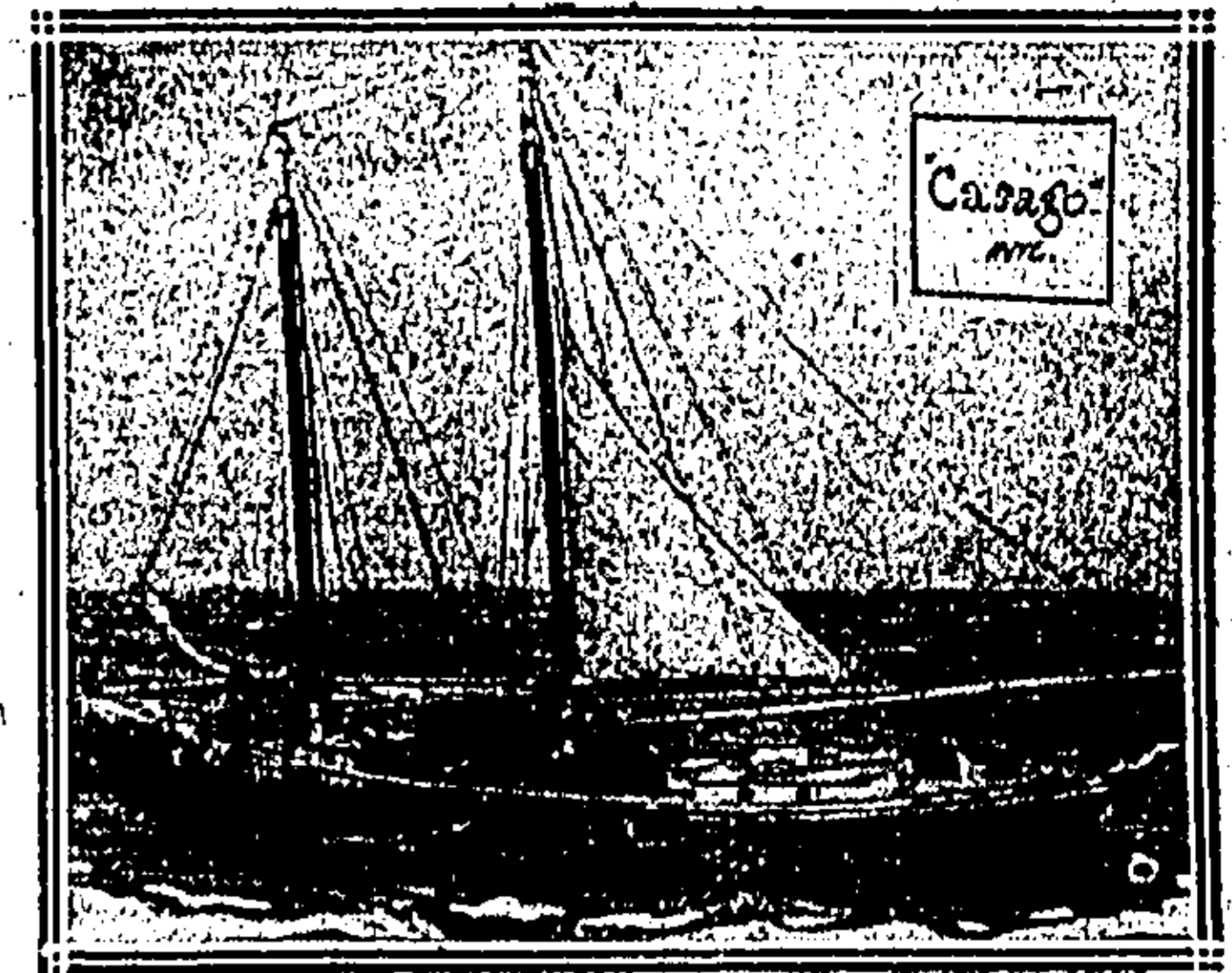


Roland W. Boyden, Boston lawyer and financier, "the mystery man of two continents," acting as American "observer" on the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission, in Paris, has, by his recent actions, caused many politicians in Washington to ask: "Is he Colonel House No. 2?"



Asst. Secy. Wainwright.

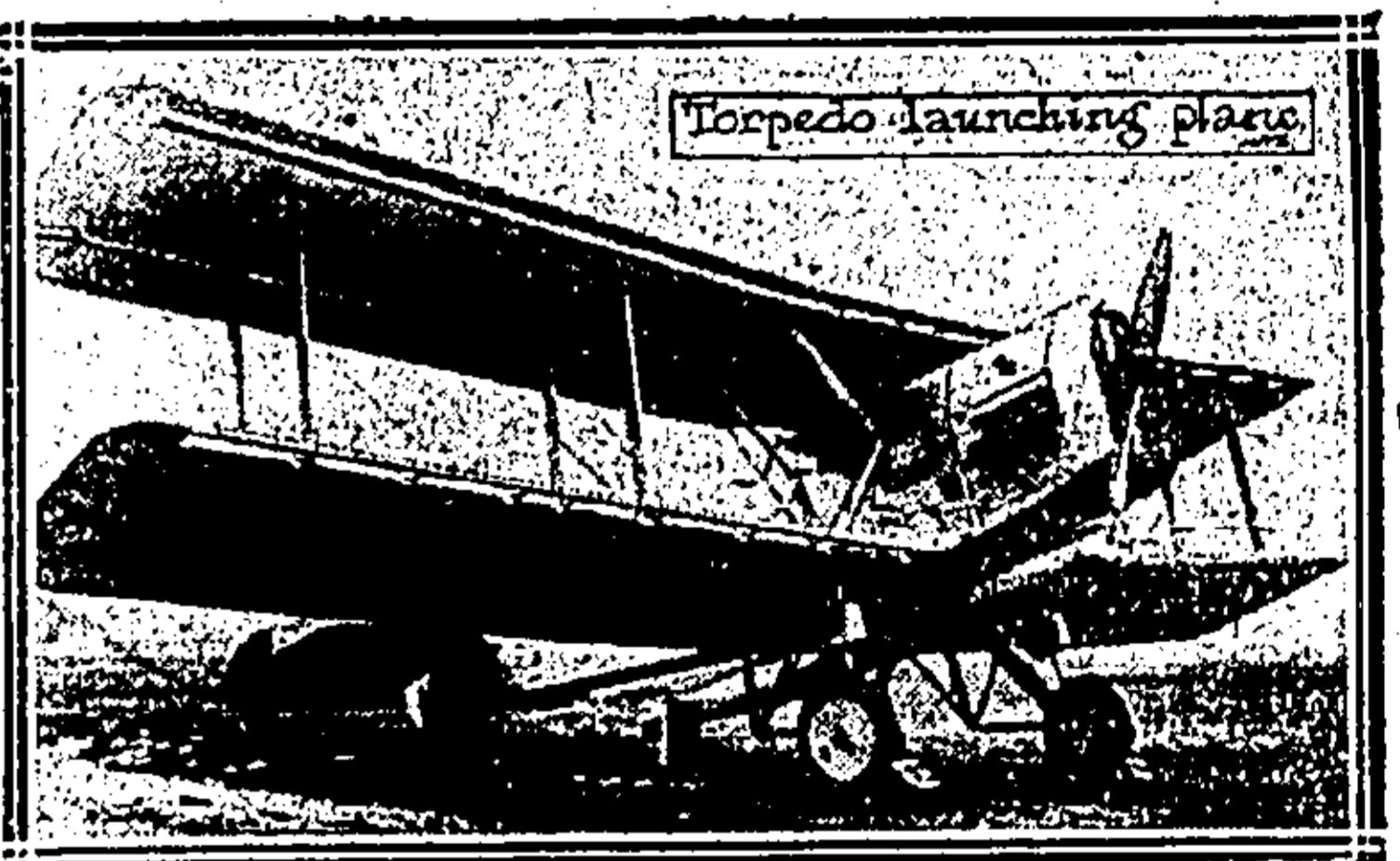
With Europe on the verge of a volcano, America's Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Wainwright has started from Philadelphia and is touring the country to perfect War Department plans for industrial mobilization in the event of war.



Newspaper tugs, cruising outside America's 12 mile limit, report that a huge fleet of rum-running ships is at anchor there, unloading cargoes into small motor boats. These run the liquor ashore at night. The "Casago" is a typical rum-running vessel.



Babe Ruth, America's baseball king underwent a minor operation recently, for an abscess that has formed from a laceration on his left arm.



The first of the new torpedo-launching planes built by the Handley Page Company for the British Government has undergone successful tests at the Bourget (France). The four wing spreads are movable, in order to reduce the speed of the machine in the air and permit accurate launching of the torpedo. The motor of the plane is stopped over the target, and the machine becomes almost stationary until the torpedo is dropped, when the motor is started again.

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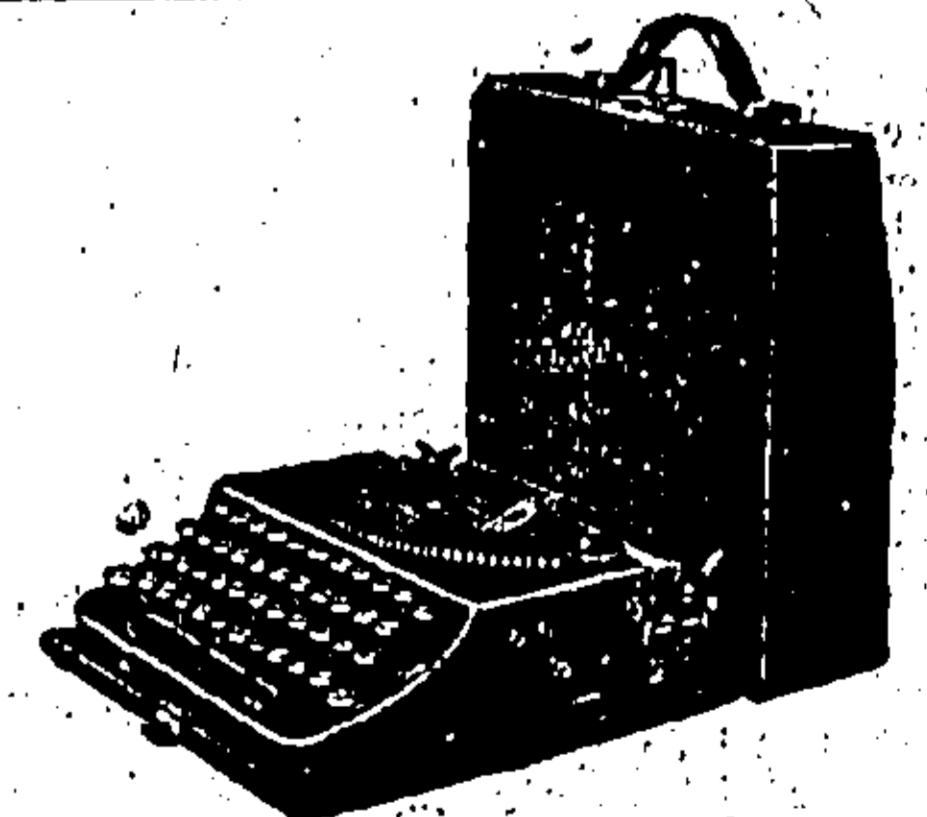
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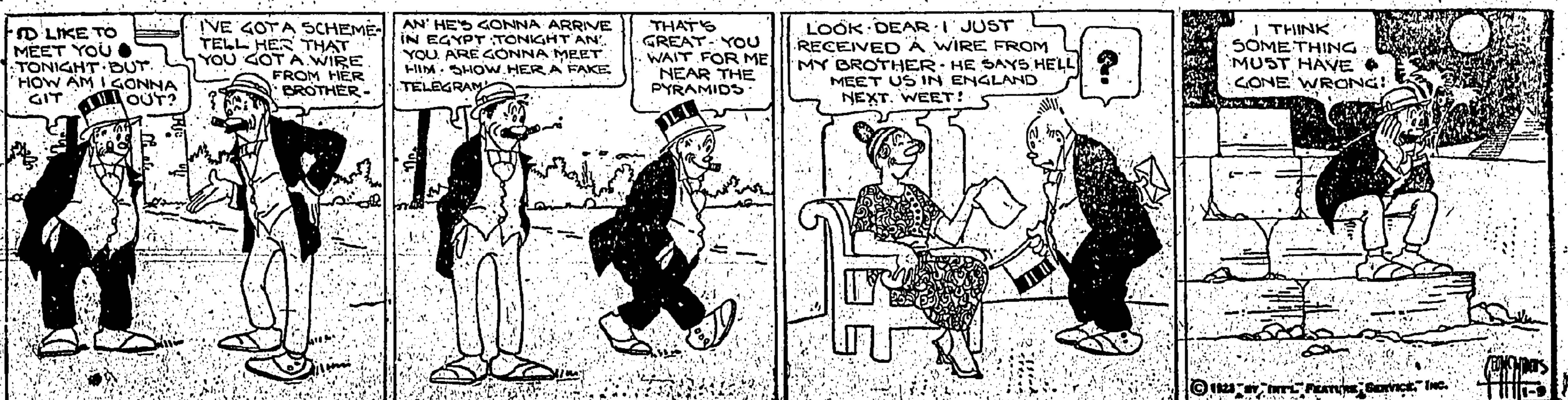
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE PROJECT.

LONDON, March 13th. Mr. Durbidilla, (formerly a merchant at Singapore) said that he was of the opinion that it was contrary to the spirit of the Washington agreement to move a few hundred miles from Hongkong, and then embark on an expenditure of £10,000,000.

Mr. Tom L. O. Amery declared that the policy was in nowise aimed against Japan, but merely sought to restore to the navy, in these days of oil fuel, the mobility it enjoyed in the days of coal and small ships.

Col. Amery agreed on the necessity of discussing the Singapore and other naval problems with the Dominions, in order to secure a united front.

THE IRISH ARRESTS.

LONDON, March 13th. The Irish official report says that there were 118 Irish arrests in Great Britain, including 10 women. The arrests in London numbered 33, Manchester 6, and Liverpool 22.

CYCLONES IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, March 12th. Over forty people have been killed and hundreds injured, while damage to the extent of millions of dollars has been caused by a great cyclonic storm, accompanied by snow or torrential rains, which is sweeping the country from the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachians. Tennessee is the worst sufferer, but portions of Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, Mississippi, Arkansas, Wisconsin and Indiana have suffered casualties and property losses.

THE RUHR.

THE HAGUE, March 12th. In the States General, Foreign Minister Karmelink said that the attitude of the French and Belgian Governments gave reason to hope that the worst difficulties had been surmounted regarding the import of goods from the occupied portion of Germany. Trains and boats which had previously been stopped were now being allowed to pass, but negotiations were still proceeding concerning the coal tax. As long as the present conditions continued, Holland's economic life, particularly in the maritime towns, would suffer serious losses.

WORLD'S RUBBER SHOOT.

LONDON, March 12th. The New York correspondent of the Times states that the Rubber Association of America has named a committee of seven, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hetchings, to co-operate with the Department of Commerce in making a world survey of crude rubber. The directors unanimously approved of the recommendations made to the British committee which lately visited the United States, asking for the abolition of the Stevenson plan, and immediate consideration by the Stevenson committee of the request to release rubber, regardless of quarterly periods or prices. The association has decided to address any future protests to Great Britain through the United States Government.

THE "RUM FLEET."

NEW YORK, March 12th. Advice from London states that a German syndicate is preparing to finance extensive smuggling operations in America. There are also other indications which lead the authorities to believe that the Atlantic Coast of America is facing an attack by the rum fleet, from three quarters of the globe. A squadron, alleged to have come from the vicinity of the Bahamas, is already rocking off the northern New Jersey coast, and preliminary landings are reported to have been made.

HOME FOOTBALL.

FIRST LEAGUE.

The results of Monday's league matches are as follows:—
Blackburn 1 Liverpool
Birmingham 4 Sheffield United

THE DAVIS CUP.

NEW YORK, March 12th. The Argentine has issued a challenge to the Davis Cup competitions.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors to following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published—

| ISLAND. | Feet |
|----------------------|------|
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| St. Paul's | 1734 |
| Mountain Lodge | 1725 |
| The Kyrie | 1725 |
| Peak Hotel | 1505 |
| Taikeo Sanatorium | 1000 |
| Mt. Davis | 877 |
| Bowen Rd. (Ritter's) | 593 |
| MAINLAND. | |
| Taimochan | 3124 |
| Kowloon Peak | 1971 |
| Lion Rock | 1646 |
| Shatin Pass | 1000 |
| Customs Pass | 780 |
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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PEKING POLITICAL SITUATION.

PEKING, March 12. General Wei Pei Fu wired yesterday urging the members of the Cabinet to withdraw their resignations, saying that the demand for the appointment of his nominees was not meant as hostile to the Cabinet.

The Cabinet remained office today, but owing to the absence of several members from Peking no formal meeting was held.

Uncertainty is felt as to the length of the Cabinet's tenure of office, as Tsao Kun and Wu Pei Fu have not withdrawn their demands, but are still advocating drastic action against Dr. Sun Yat Sen which, moreover, is offending the pro-Sun Yat Sen members of Parliament.

THE HANGCHOW DEATH ROLL.

PEKING, March 12. The latest reports from Hangchow state the death-roll at the Chekiang Provincial First Normal School has now reached thirty. An analysis of the food disclosed the presence of arsenic.

CHUNGKING FIGHTING CAUSES FIRE.

PEKING, March 12. In the serious fighting at Chungking on March 7 and 8 a fire broke out which destroyed practically half of the city, but no details are available.

TSINGTAO PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS.

PEKING, March 12. The director of the Kiaochow Administration has informed the Government that as the result of negotiations, the Japanese have agreed that China shall pay \$500,000 for the transfer of movable property at Tsingtao.

RATHER DEEP.

The conversation had veered round to the subject of muddy roads. "Speaking about mud," said the tall man with a nasal twang, "I remember once out in a remote corner of the States where the mud was so deep that after a little shower, everybody had to get about on stilts!"

There was a tense silence for a few minutes and then, taking a drink from his glass, the little man in the corner sighed reminiscently.

"My native town could beat that," he said, "I recollect one very muddy day when I looked out of my window and a man's head protruding from the mud."

"Hello!" I cried, "Can I help you?"

"Not unless you're in the union," he replied, "I'm mending the telegraph wires!"

Ethel: "Their parents made the match, I believe." Tom: "I thought they opposed it." Ethel: "Yes, that's how they made it."

"Learnin'," said Uncle Eben, "is mighty useful if you kin use it, but it's drawback is if you don't do nothin' but parrot conversation."

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Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui
during the years 1909-9.

The scale of the table corresponds with
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Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet
higher than mean sea-level.
To obtain the depth of water on the
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add 2 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge
at Lamport Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
4 inches to the height given in the table.

March 12 to 18 1923.

High Water. Low Water.

Standard Time. Height. Standard Time. Height.

Mon. 12. 12.10. 4.4. 11.15. 2.0.

Tue. 13. 12.20. 4.5. 11.25. 2.1.

Wed. 14. 12.30. 4.6. 11.35. 2.2.

Thurs. 15. 12.40. 4.7. 11.45. 2.3.

Fri. 16. 12.50. 4.8. 11.55. 2.4.

Sat. 17. 1.0. 4.9. 12.05. 2.5.

Sun. 18. 1.10. 5.0. 12.15. 2.6.

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FROM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.
Shanghai 10.30 a.m. Szechow
Haiphong 11.0 a.m. Soudan

FRIDAY, MARCH 16.
Canada Japan and Manila 10.0 a.m. Empress of Asia
EUROPE via Suez (Letters only) London 10th Feb. Pyrrhus
SATURDAY, MARCH 17.
Shanghai 10.30 a.m. Szechow
EUROPE via Suez (Letters) London 10th Feb. Japan

SUNDAY, MARCH 18.
Straits 10.30 a.m. Havenside
Haiphong 11.0 a.m. Arnold Behle
SATURDAY, MARCH 24.
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai 10.30 a.m. Pres. McKinley
LONDON (Parcels 12th Feb.) Kermala

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.
Philippine Islands 10.30 a.m. Tallyho
THURSDAY, MARCH 15.
Swatow, Amoy and Takao 8.0 a.m. Szechow
Japan 9.30 a.m. Yoshino Maru
Amoy 10.30 a.m. Tjibodas
Shanghai 11.0 a.m. Szechow
Swatow 11.30 a.m. Hydranga
Amoy 12.0 p.m. Teal

FRIDAY, MARCH 16.
Kwangchow and Bangkok 8.20 a.m. Chenai
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A.
Central and South America EUROPE
via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco
11th Apr. Registration 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mar-
gosa, South Africa, India via
Dhauabadi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE
via MARSHELLES—due Marseilles
5 a.m. Letters 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung 9 a.m. Azay Le Rideau
Shanghai 9.30 a.m. Tjibodas

SUNDAY, MARCH 18.
Philippine Islands, "Sandakan" AUSTRALIA
and New Zealand via Thursday Island
due Thursday Island 2nd Apr. Regis-
tration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
Haiphong, Saigon, "Wong"
lon, "Mauritius," L. Margosa, South
Africa, India via Dhauabadi, Aden,
Egypt & EUROPE via MARSHELLES
due Marseilles 20th Apr. Registration
9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20.
Philippine Islands and Honolulu. Regis-
tration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Sandakan, Japan, Canada, United States,
Straits and Ceylon 9.30 a.m. Hainan
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gosa, South Africa, India via
Dhauabadi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE
via MARSHELLES—due Marseilles
5 a.m. Letters 8 a.m. On
Wednesday 5th. Registration 1.15 p.m.
Letters 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.
Philippine Islands, AUSTRALIA and
New Zealand via Thursday Island—due
Thursday Island 1st Apr. Registration
8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, United States,
Central & South America & EUROPE
via VANCOUVER, B.O.—due Vancouver
9th Apr. Parcel 5 p.m. on Thursday.
2nd Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10
a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 26.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 8.0 a.m. Korea Maru
Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m. Hainan
Makozaki Maru 10.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessels names only

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Anjou (Wing Tai) from Canton.
Co's Wharf.

Hydranga (Chin On) from
Swatow—Co's Wharf.

Halvdan (Lee Beng Kee) from
Bangkok—West Point.

Yue Yink Wa (Cheong Fat)
from Hoihow—C44.

Haikyung (Yuen Seng Fat) from
Saigon—West Point.

Alabama Maru (O.S.K.) from
Tacoma, Shanghai—Kowloon
Wharf.

Pheumpeih (Wo Fat Sing) from
Saigon—A8.

Changsha (B. & S.) from Sydney,
Manila—A30.

Glenade (J. M. & Co.) from Lon-
don, Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.

Lee Sang (J. M. & Co.) from
Haiphong, Hoihow—C35.

Kishu Maru (O.S.K.) from Deli,
Saigon—B22.

Mishima Maru (N.Y.K.) from
M'rough, Singapore—Kowloon
Wharf.

Sosho Maru (O.S.K.) from Can-
ton—Co's Wharf.

Yejim Maru (M. B. K.) from
Canton—B31.

Fukusei Maru (M. B. K.) from
Canton—C48.

Taito Maru (Dodwell & Co.) from
Chinwantao—C47.

Yei Maru (Dodwell & Co.) from
Chinwantao—B51.

Hsinhang An (Yue Wo) from
Canton—C20.

Tung Shing (J. M. & Co.) from
Shanghai, Swatow—Co's Wharf.

DEPARTURES.

Tanning (B. & S.) for Manila—
March 13.

Heinan Maru (O.S.K.) for Bom-
bay, Singapore—March 13.

Dashtestan (Fok Tai Cheong)
for Saigon—March 13.

Kwanglee (C. M. S. N.) for Can-
ton—March 13.

Harunusan Maru (M.B.K.) for
Bangkok—March 13.

Wingsang (J. M. & Co.) for
Shanghai, Swatow—March 14.

Kaiping (Sing Kee) for Hai-
phong, Pakhoi—March 14.

Hakone Maru (N.Y.K.) for Lon-
don, Singapore—March 14.

Childar (Thoresen & Co) for
Bangkok—March 14.

Halvdan (Lee Beng Kee) for
Swatow—March 14.

President Taft (Pacific Mail) for
San Francisco, Shanghai—March 14.

Yuet Wah (Luen Fat) for
Swatow—March 14.

President Madison (Ad. Line)
for Manila—March 14.

Mishima Maru (N.Y.K.) for
Yokohama, Shanghai—March 14.

Fukusu Maru (M.B.K.) for Kee-
lung—March 14.

Haitan (Man Wing) for Hai-
phong, Hoihow—March 15.

Hsin Ping An (Yue Woo) for
Canton—March 15.

Notice has been given by the
Jockey Club that gymkhanas will
be held on the following dates this
year, (weather permitting):—
April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7
(extra), October 6, November 3,
and December 1 (extra).

Nominations as Councillors of
Shanghai Municipality for 1923
have been made as follows:—Mr.
C. W. Atkinson, Mr. S. S. Fessenden,
Mr. P. L. Knight, Mr. W. P.
Lambe, Mr. H. W. Lester, Mr. A.
B. Lawson, Mr. M. F. Mackay, Mr.
S. Sakuragi, and Mr. H. G. Sims.
Sir Edward C. Pearce, being the
only nominee, is elected a Land
Commissioner.

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"ABRAHAM LINCOLN"
John Drinkwater's Historical Play.

FRIDAY, March 16th at 8.15 p.m.

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SATURDAY, March